# Books & BEYOND

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## Friends of the Library

*by Board President Estelle Cooperman*

We want to thank those people who responded to our announcement in the September/October issue of *Books and Beyond* of a new Friends of the Library group for the Morton Grove Public Library. Currently, we are in the process of establishing this group and are contacting those people who expressed interest in being a part of our new effort.

It's never too late to become a Friend! Fill out a form when you're in the Library, call the Reference Services Desk, or sign up on our Web site at: **http://www.webrary.org/inside/friendssignup.html**

Ester Hana
*International Artiste Extraordinaire*

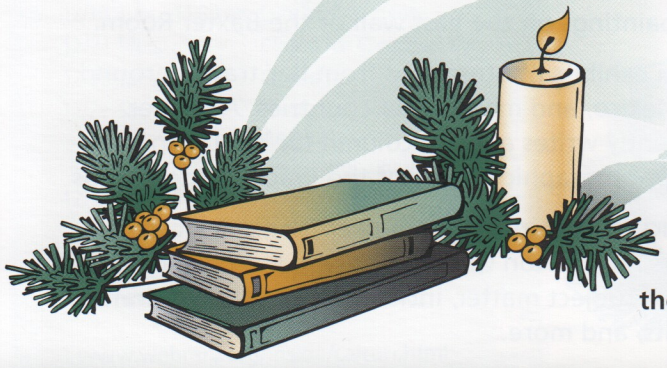
## Holiday Concert with Ester Hana

***Sunday, December 16, at 2 pm***

Celebrate the holidays with an afternoon of music from around the world with the legendary Ester Hana performing holiday tunes for voice and piano. **Sunday, December 16, at 2 pm,** Ester Hana will entertain you with her lovely voice and expertise at the keyboard.

Ms. Hana has a devoted following in this area; she has performed at the Pump Room, Sorriso by the River, Davenport's and numerous other venues. To celebrate the season, festive refreshments will be served following the performance. Seating is limited; reservations are required.

**Beginning November 26, make your reservation by calling 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.**



## Renew From Home!

***TalkToMe: 965-9575***

Still reading? Still plowing through *War and Peace*? Kids insisting on watching *Barney, Live!* one more time? By calling TalkToMe, the Library's new self-service phone renewal system, you can renew your materials from home whenever it's convenient for you, even when the Library is closed. TalkToMe provides additional features not available in our previous system: listings of items you currently have checked out, items currently overdue, and available holds, as well as Library hours and upcoming events.

To take advantage of any of the TalkToMe services, call **965-9575**; you will be asked for the barcode number from the back of your library card and the last four digits of your phone number. Please note: Items on hold for other patrons cannot be renewed.

## Flim-Flams, Scams and Con Games

***Protecting Yourself Against Predatory Practices***

Financial exploitation and fraud are increasingly common crimes committed against consumers. Scams, such as those conducted online, through telemarketing and door-to-door solicitations, will be discussed on **Sunday, November 4, at 2 pm.** Tips on how to recognize, avoid, and recover from confidence scams and predatory loan practices will be presented.

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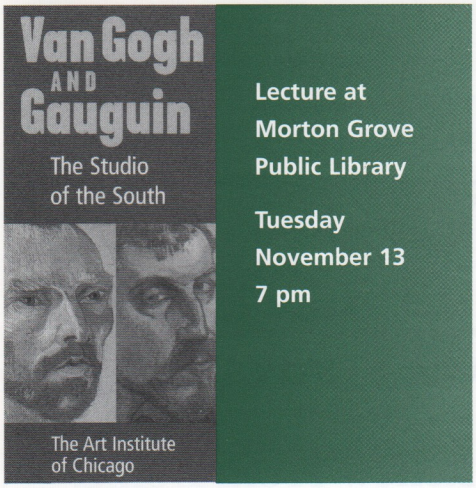



## Van Gogh and Gauguin: Studio of the South

***A Preview of the Art Institute Exhibit***

Van Gogh and Gauguin worked together for nine weeks in Arles, France, over 100 years ago. The *Studio of the South* exhibit, currently at the Art Institute of Chicago, illustrates the artistic consequences of their time together and the effects of each artist on the other.

If you're planning a visit to the Art Institute, or even if you have already seen the exhibit, you're sure to enjoy Claire Copping Cross's presentation, **Tuesday, November 13, at 7 pm.** Join us as Ms. Cross tells about the friendship between two of the most popular artists of the 19th century, their personal lives, their art, and their inspiration.

## Lyric Opera Lectures

***Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm***
*Billy Budd*

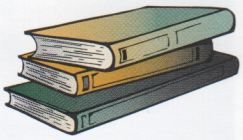
Dr. Michael Altman, President of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera, discusses *Billy Budd*, Benjamin Britten's opera set on the high seas during the war between England and France. The master-at-arms of the *HMS Indomitable*, John Claggart, wants to destroy Billy Budd, a handsome, well-liked young seaman. When Billy is accused of being a mutineer, he finally explodes and kills Claggart.

***Sunday, December 2 at 2 pm***
*Hansel and Gretel*

Engelbert Humperdinck's opera retells the Brothers Grimm story of a wicked mother sending her two children into the forest where they are caught by a witch as they are eating her gingerbread house. Barbara Roseman, a member of the Lyric Opera's Lecture Corps, will discuss this operatic folk tale.

## Holiday Books

The Library is the perfect place to "shop" for gifts. You can check out books to peruse before buying them as gifts for others (or yourself) or do extensive research on other gifts such as comparing brands, checking suppliers, doing cost comparisons, and more.



Some new books you may want to add to your shopping list are: *America's National Parks* by Paul Schullery, *Blue Skies, Green Fields: A Celebration of 50 Major League Baseball Stadiums* by Ira Rosen; *Photographs by Snowdon: A Retrospective* by Antony Armstrong-Jones, *The Most Beautiful Country Towns of Tuscany* by James Bentley; *Small Spaces: Inspiring Ideas and Creative Solutions* by Terence Conran; *Cottage Comfort: Country Cottage Style Decorating, Entertaining, Gardening, and Quilting Inspirations for Creating All the Comforts of Home* by Linette Jensen; and *Barefoot Contessa Parties: Ideas and Recipes for Easy Parties That Are Really Fun* by Ina Garten.

## MatchBook Now Available via E-mail

MatchBook, the monthly listing of new Library materials matched to your interests, is now available via e-mail! If you are already registered with MatchBook, and would like to have your list sent to you each month via e-mail, please call the Library's Reference Services Desk at 965-4220, or send a note with your email address to: matchbook@mgpl.webrary.org.

If you would like to become a new subscriber to the MatchBook service, you can sign up online at: www.webrary.org/rs/matchbookabout.html or call 965-4220. You will be asked to check up to fifteen categories of new books, CDs, videos, DVDs, audiobooks, or CD-ROMs that you would be interested in seeing. Then, each month, you'll receive an e-mail list of new titles in those categories, a preview of upcoming bestsellers, reminders of programs, and more!

## Exhibits @ your library™

During the month of November, **Rachel Slotnik**, a Morton Grove artist who works in several media, exhibits her paintings on the west wall of the Baxter Room. Ms. Slotnik has studied with the noted painter Joseph Abbreccio and with Bonnie Casey. She is a member of the Skokie and Wilmette art guilds.

Also in November, **Slava Sorokin**, a member of the Library's Children's Dept. staff, exhibits some of her paintings on the east wall of the Baxter Room.

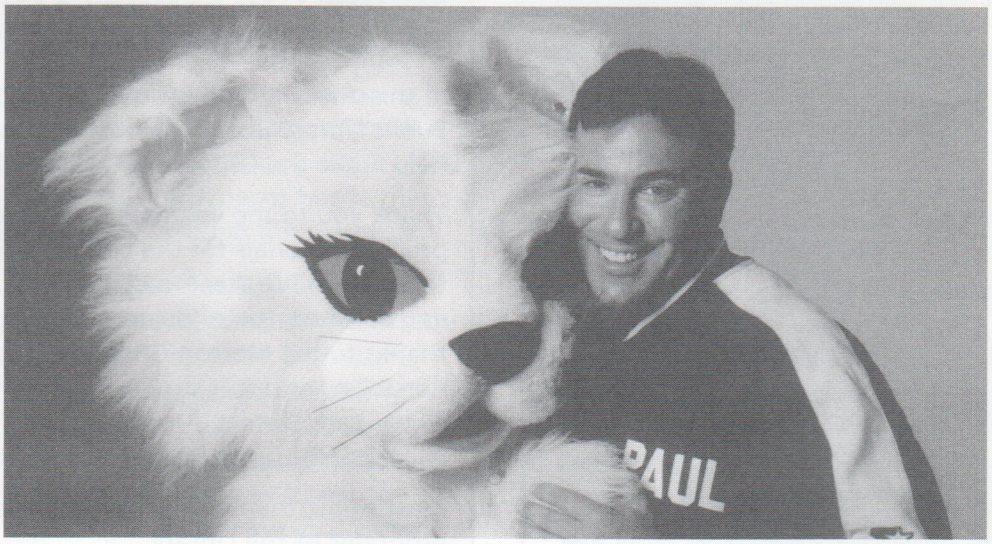
In December, **Kay Hoffmann** exhibits photographs from her travels around the world: China, Europe, Mexico, and many other countries. A former teacher, Ms. Hoffmann currently writes a travel column for an Italian newspaper and is working on a photographic history of the Chicago Stockyards.

**Carol Strauss** exhibits mosaics in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case during December. Ms. Strauss is a Morton Grove artist who has been creating mosaics based on a variety of subject matter, including historical portraits, still-lifes, floral arrangements, and more.

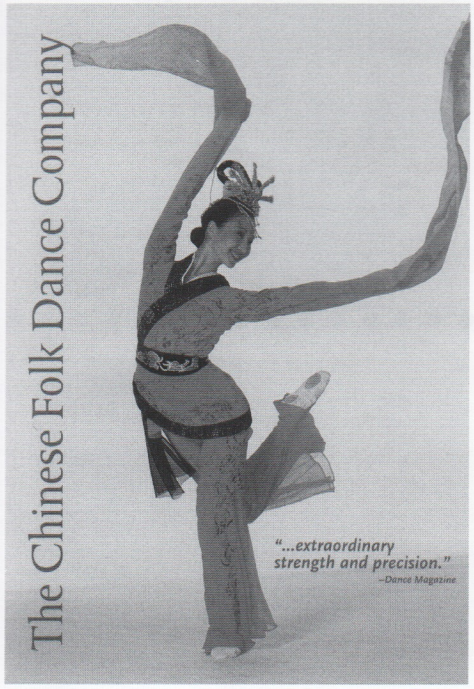
## Babysitting Basics

Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this two-day workshop, **Wednesday & Thursday, November 7 & 8,** presented by the Morton Grove Fire Department and the Morton Grove Police Department. The workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Practical tips for planning activities, the babysitter's role in emergency situations, and safety for children are emphasized. **Registration begins Oct. 1: call 965-4220,** or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Non-Morton Grove residents can sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

## *I Mak M Laf* with Paul & Kitty




On **Saturday, November 24, at 2 pm,** Paul Margolis and his huge puppet, Kitty, will present *I Mak M Laf,* a lively performance of musical entertainment that includes puppets, instruments and dancing along with audience participation for a creative and interactive experience that will be of particular interest to young children. **Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning November 1.**




## Chinese Folk Dance Company

The professional dancers and musicians of the Chinese Folk Dance Company bring to life the ancient classical and folk cultures of China. With elaborate costumes, props, music and dance, the Chinese Folk Dance Company will evoke the haunting beauty and melancholy of imperial courtesans, recreate the rousing carnival rhythms of a harvest festival, and conjure up the dramatic beating of drums and clashing of swords on an ancient battlefield. Come and enjoy this exciting performance peppered with fun and interesting details from Chinese history and folklore on **Saturday, November 3, at 2 pm**. Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220.

## Kids' Collections Wanted for Children's Room Display Case

Do you have a hobby or collection? Would you like to share it with others? Display your collection in the Children's Room display case! Recent displays have included key chains, model cars, Legos, seashells, miniatures, Beanie Babies and stickers. Each collection is on display for approximately two weeks. Large and small cases are available, depending on the size of your collection. Your display is identified with a card indicating your name, grade and school. Call or stop by the Children's Desk to talk to Ms. Copeland or Ms. Rund for more information.

## Flim-Flams, Scams and Con Games

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Learn from the experts about fraudulent offers for home repairs, charitable donations, health care, sweepstakes, and financial transactions. **Guest speakers will include:** Paul Yaras, Crime Prevention Officer, Morton Grove Police Department; Sherrill Frost-Brown, Director of Auditing and Compliance, Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs; and Jacqueline Grossmann, Homesharing Coordinator for the Interfaith Housing Center.

Seating is limited and registration is required. **Beginning October 1, please call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk** at the Library to make your reservations. This program is co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Park District, the Village of Morton Grove Department of Family Services, and the Morton Grove Public Library.

## Holiday Craft Sessions

On **Friday, November 16**, Karen Nicolopoulos will present two holiday rubber stamping programs in the Children's Room. Preschool-age children and their caregivers are invited to attend the **10 am** program. Children in kindergarten through grade 6 may attend the **4 pm** session. Each child will have the opportunity to make a holiday card and a small gift using a wide variety of stamps. **Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning November 1.**

## Harry Potter Trivia Contest

Excited about the upcoming Harry Potter movie? Here's your chance to see it for free! During Children's Book Week, your family may enter a Harry Potter Trivia Contest for the chance to win a gift certificate to a movie theater. Beginning **Sunday, November 18th,** check out five books to receive your copy of the Game. Gift certificates will be awarded to the first fifty families who hand in a completed game form with all answers correct. (Gift certificates will be good for one child admission per family.)

## Join the Dinosaur Derby!

Readers, be a member of a Dinosaur Team. Earn points for your team while earning "Dino Dollars" to spend on cool stuff on sale at the "Dino Digs" in the Library. There will be lots of fun and excitement as you read for the Dinosaur Derby through April 6, 2002. Members of the winning team and top readers will be invited to a pizza party to be held on April 13. **Registration begins on Saturday, November 17.** Stop at the Children's Desk to sign up, join a team, and receive your Dino folder. Pre-readers may participate in the Dino Read-to-Me game.

## Chicago Wolves Player to Visit the Children's Room

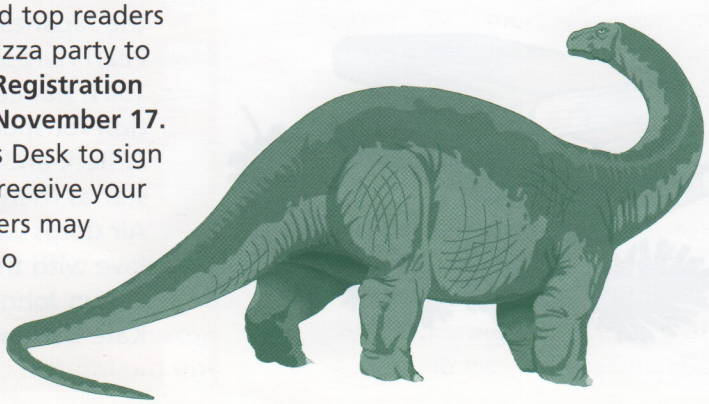
As part of the Chicago Wolves' *Read to Succeed* program, the Morton Grove Public Library will be hosting a visit by one of the Wolves players on **Tuesday, December 18, at 4 pm.** Come and meet a professional hockey player! He will bring his hockey gear and answer questions you may have. Bring your autograph book! **Be sure to register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning December 1.**

## There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

On **Saturday, December 15, at 2 pm**, the Griffin Theatre Co. will present *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* based on the book by Louis Sachar. With large doses of humor, this delightful story deals with the age-old struggle to believe in oneself. **Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning December 1.**

## Samantha's Amazing Animals

Have you ever seen a duck play a guitar or heard a goose play the piano? Samantha Martin will delight you with her menagerie of amazing animals and their antics on **Saturday, December 29, at 2 pm**. Come and be amazed! **Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning December 10.**



# CALENDAR

Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Children's Department website and in other Library publications.

### Children's Classes

There are still openings in the fall classes. Please call for availability. Winter session will begin the week of January 7, 2002. Enrollment is limited and begins December 17. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with valid library cards. Non-residents will be put on a waiting list and notified by phone if there is space available. Winter classes end the week of February 25.

### Library Playtime

for 2-Year-Olds & Parents

Thursday 10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

### Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3 - Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

### Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2

Monday 7 pm

Class limit – 12

### Special Events

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| 11/3 | Sat. | 2 pm | *Chinese Folk Dance Company* registration required |
| 11/16 | Fri. | 10 am | *Holiday Craft Session* for Pre-schoolers registration required |
| 11/16 | Fri. | 4 pm | *Holiday Craft Session* for Kindergarten through Grade 6 registration required |
| 11/24 | Sat. | 2 pm | *I Mak M Laf with Paul & Kitty* registration required |
| 12/15 | Sat. | 2 pm | *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* registration required |
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| 11/4 | Sun. | 2 pm | *Flim Flams, Scams, and Con Games: Protecting Yourself against Predatory Practices* registration required |
| 11/6 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
| 11/8 | Thurs. | 7:45 pm | Board Meeting |
| 11/11 | Sun. | 2 pm | Lyric Opera Lecture by Dr. M. Altman on *Billy Budd* |
| 11/12 | Mon. | 11 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm | Feature Film: *The Score* Rated R; 124 minutes |
| 11/13 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
| 11/13 | Tues. | 7 pm | *Van Gogh and Gauguin: Studio of the South, A Preview of the Art Institute Exhibit* with Claire Copping Cross |
| 11/14 | Wed. | 1 pm | Low Vision Book Discussion of *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier |
| 11/20 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
| **11/22** | **Thurs.** | | **Closed for Thanksgiving** |
| 11/24 | Sat. | 2 pm | *Paul and Kitty: I Mak M Laf* registration required |
| 11/27 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
| 11/28 | Wed. | 7 pm | *Holiday Horticultural Arrangements* with Jennifer Brennan |

## December

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| 12/2 | Sun. | 2 pm | Lyric Opera Lecture by Barbara Roseman on *Hansel & Gretel* |
| 12/4 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
| 12/6 | Thurs. | 7:45 pm | Board Meeting |
| **12/7** | **Fri.** | | **Closed for Staff Inservice Day** |
| 12/10 | Mon. | 11 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm | Feature Film: *Pearl Harbor* Rated PG-13, 183 minutes |
| 12/11 | Tues. | 11:30 am | Lunchtime Videos |
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| **12/24** | **Mon.** | | **Closed for Christmas Eve** |
| **12/25** | **Tues.** | | **Closed for Christmas Day** |
| 12/29 | Sat. | 2 pm | *Samantha's Amazing Animals* registration required |
| **12/31** | **Mon.** | **5 pm** | **Library closes early** |

**Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html**

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# Book Discussion Groups

*Thinking Out Loud* and *All Booked Up* will be on vacation during November and December. Watch the next issue of *B & B*, or call the Library for announcements of books that will be discussed in the new year.

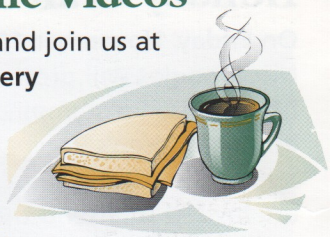
### Low Vision Book Discussion Celebrates Second Anniversary

The Low Vision Book Discussion group meets year-round on the second Wednesday of each month, at 1 pm to discuss books on tape. New members are welcome to attend; please call Nancy Brothers, Coordinator of Programming, for a list of the titles the group will be discussing.

During the celebration of its second anniversary, on **Wednesday, November 14, at 1 pm**, the group will discuss Charles Frazier's book, *Cold Mountain*. Frazier's book tells of two journeys: that of Inman, a wounded Confederate veteran, who is struggling to return home to the hills of North Carolina as the Civil War is ending, and the journey of Ada, the woman Inman left behind.

On **Wednesday, December 12, at 1 pm**, the *Low Vision Book Discussion* group will be talking about Penelope Stokes' novel, *The Blue Bottle Club*. This story is about a reporter who searches for four women who wrote down their dreams and stuffed them into a blue glass bottle sixty years previous. The stories of each of the four friends are told, along with the evangelical revelations and self-discovery of the jaded reporter.

# Lunchtime Videos



Pack a lunch and join us at the Library **every Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunchtime Videos. Travel to distant lands, tour historical and geographical landmarks, listen to thought-provoking discussions and entertaining performances during this two-hour program. Coffee, ice water and sweet treats are served. Each month, there is at least one special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events.

# FILMS

### The Score
**Rated R, 124 minutes**
**Monday, November 12**
**11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm**

Max, a crime lord played by Marlon Brando, approaches a friend, Nick, about stealing an invaluable antique from the Montreal Customs House. Robert De Niro plays Nick, a taciturn, weary jazz club owner, who also specializes in break-ins. Together, they plan one last heist in an absorbing, suspenseful plot.

### Pearl Harbor
**Rated PG -13, 183 minutes**
**Monday, December 10**
**11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm**

This film, revolving around the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, has earned a reputation for special effects. Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett star as friends in the Army Air Corps who both fall in love with the same nurse, Evelyn Johnson, played by Kate Beckinsale.

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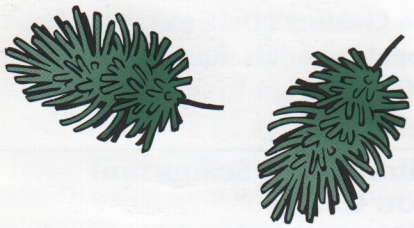


## Holiday Greetings From the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library

In this difficult time for our nation and the world, the Morton Grove Public Library Board and staff are especially thankful for the people who help make the Library such a special place.

Thank you to the volunteers who give their time and energy to help process materials for the collection, promote programs, deliver materials to Bethany Terrace, monitor movies, prepare *Books & Beyond* for mailing, and assist computer novices learning how to use the Internet. Many thanks to the Morton Grove agencies and businesses whose generous donations of prizes support the Summer Reading Program: the Morton Grove Park District, Morton Grove Theatre, Kappy's Restaurant and Pancake House, McDonald's of Morton Grove, and Giordano's Pizza.

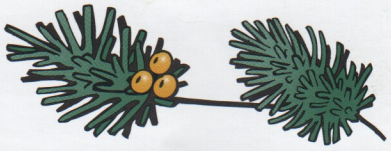
Most of all, thanks to all of you who utilize the many services and programs of the Library.

## Holiday Horticultural Arrangements

Jennifer Brennan, Horticulturist at the Chalet Nursery and Gardens in Wilmette, demonstrates how to make horticultural arrangements for the holidays using mixed greens, such as cedar, white pine, and hemlock, with colorful stems, such as redtwig dogwood and others, on **Wednesday, November 28, at 7 pm.**

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

November 22: Thanksgiving Day
December 7: Staff Inservice Day
December 24: Christmas Eve
December 25: Christmas Day
December 31: Library closes early, at 5 pm
January 1: New Year's Day



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